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## 18 DIE; 50 HURT AS EXPRESS HITS A CIRCUS TRAIN

Fire Adds to Horror of Head-on Collision on the Georgia Central Near Columbus.

## TWELVE DIE IN FLAMES

Cremated in Coaches While Scores Look on, Unable to Give Assistance.

## ANIMALS BURN IN THEIR CAGES

Failure of Passenger Crew to Obey Orders Said to Be the Cause of Accident.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 22.—Eighteen persons are believed to have been killed as the result of a head-on collision between passenger train No. 2 on the Central of Georgia Railway and a circus special of the Con T. Kennedy Carnival Shows. The wreck occurred about ten miles west of here late this afternoon. Six bodies have been recovered. Twelve others are missing and are believed to have been cremated. Fifty injured were brought to Columbus hospitals.

The known dead: Fred Kempf and wife, of Kansas City. A showman, known as "Whitey." Three other showmen, whose bodies are so badly burned that they have not been identified.

Cremated as Scores Look On.—Kempf and his wife were burned to death while scores looked helplessly on. With their 4-year-old child, they were in one of the big circus auto-trucks on a flat car when the wreck occurred. Shut off from escape and with flames eating their way through the truck, Mrs. Kempf succeeded in throwing the child through a window of the truck and clear of the fire. The little girl was badly injured, but is expected to recover.

Crew Failed to Obey Orders.—Railroad officials attribute the wreck to the failure of the passenger crew to obey orders.

The show was on its way from Atlanta to Phoenix City, Ala. Two carloads of animals were burned.

## Villa in Battle At Hermosillo

Rebel Chief Said to Have Gained Possession of City's Borders.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 22.—A desperate battle is raging between Villa and Carranza troops tonight at Hermosillo, according to messages received here. Villa himself is directing the attack of 9,000 of his men against the strongly entrenched Carranzistas. Advances to the order state that Villa has already won possession of the Western, southern and northern borders of the city.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, field leader of the Carranzistas, arrived here this afternoon on his way to Nogales, Ariz. He intends to lead 3,000 men against Nogales, Gen. Obregon tonight sent a long telegram to First Chief Carranza, suggesting that Lieut. Luis Cabrera, formerly a member of his cabinet, be named Mexican Ambassador to Washington as soon as possible.

Owing to the circulation of many rumors stating that strained relations existed between Senor Cabrera and the officials of the Carranza government, Gen. Obregon has invited the former cabinet officer to pay him a visit in northern Sonora.

## SAYS SOCIETY WOMEN SELL VOTES FOR CANDY

St. Louis, Nov. 22.—A hot wrangle was brought on at a suffrage luncheon here today when Representative Meeker, an anti-suffragist and guest of honor, charged that in a certain suffrage city business women sold their votes for \$50 each, while society women's votes could be bought with a theater party or a box of gloves.

Instantly several suffragists were on their feet demanding to know what city was meant.

Meeker replied that it was Denver, but he refused to tell who gave him the information. He said there was an element of danger in giving women the vote in that they would go to greater length than men in pushing any movement they favored.

Mrs. Kate O'Hara declared that the woman who sold her vote for \$50 showed more intelligence than the man who sold his for a glass of beer.

## U. S. BANK TO CREDIT WORLD

Mammoth Organization Has Backing of Morgan and the Rockefellers.

## AIMS TO FINANCE INDUSTRIES IN ALL QUARTERS OF GLOBE

Project Conceived by Frank A. Vanderlip to Start with Capital of \$50,000,000.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Nov. 22.—National City Bank, Kuhn-Loeb, Morgan and Rockefeller interests have formed the American International Company to finance and control enterprises in all parts of the world. The capitalization is expected to be \$50,000,000 at the start. It will be increased later as demand by the acquisition of properties.

Charles A. Stone, of Stone & Webster, successful managers of upwards of a score of traction, electric and other public utility companies, has been chosen to manage the mammoth new banking venture.

Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, is the originator of the project.

Biggest of Its Kind.—Its scope is wider than that of any foreign investment organization in the world. The nearest approach to the American International Corporation is the Deutsche Bank, of Berlin, which finances many industrial ventures.

The semibankruptcy of Europe has brought a collapse in the securities of even high grade dividend-paying properties in South America and elsewhere. Hence the American financial combination will be able to secure control of many foreign corporations on bargain terms.

Latin American will be the first field to be cultivated. But Russia, the Orient and other quarters of the globe will be tapped in due course. Canadian enterprises may also be brought in.

Some of Those Interested.—Prominently identified with Mr. Vanderlip in the American International Company, is Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Mr. Kahn is a director of the new company and will also, it is understood, be a member of the finance committee, upon whose shoulders will fall the principal work of developing the enterprise.

Mr. Kahn has had practical banking experience abroad and is recognized as among the ablest railroad financiers in this country.

Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company, the largest in the country, is to be director. Alfred H. Wiggin, president of the Chase National Bank, is another of the stalwarts interested.

SMITH MAY PAY INDEBTEDNESS.

Confidence Expressed—Bank Seen No Sign of "Run."

Newark, N. J., Nov. 22.—Confidence in former Senator James Smith, Jr., whose tangled financial affairs involved the Federal Trust Company, was shown today.

Directors of the trust company, it became known, personally took up Smith's paper estimated at \$300,000, which had been in the trust company's vaults.

Throughout the day there was no sign of a "run" on the institution.

Formal application for assignment of Senator Smith's property was made today in the Chancery Court. The Fidelity Trust Company, one of the strongest financial institutions in Newark, was named as assignee.

Senator Smith may be able to pay off dollar for dollar.

New German Army of 680,000.

Zurich, Nov. 22.—Germany has completed a new concentration of troops estimated at 680,000. It is believed they will be sent to the western front.

## BEGINS FIGHT ON BIG ARMY

Bryan, in Commoner, Appeals to Congress Against Preparedness.

## DEMOUNCES THE MOVEMENT AS "PRETENDED PATRIOTISM"

Asks Members to Turn on Light and Show Up "Leeches and Parasites" Behind It.

Information obtained by Democratic leaders from returning Congressmen and reports from the country indicate that there will be strong opposition within the party to the President's preparedness program. On top of this, it is said that William J. Bryan is organizing his opposition and making personal demands on his following in Congress to stand against any increase in the army and navy.

Reports current in Democratic circles are to the effect that eighty Democratic Representatives are opposed to the President's plan.

The first public manifestation of Mr. Bryan's Congressional campaign against the preparedness program came yesterday, when members of the House and Senate received complimentary copies of an edition of the Commoner, devoted almost entirely to attacks on the administration plan. Many of the articles are signed by Mr. Bryan.

One of these, printed in heavy type, says:

"Turn on the light and let the country see the fraudulent character of the pretended patriotism which is being paraded before the country by men who claim a superior attachment to the nation, but are in fact nothing but leeches and parasites."

"The elections of 1915 ought to serve as a warning to the Democratic party," Mr. Bryan says in another article, and then adds that the endorsement given preparedness in Massachusetts, if it did not defeat the party, "at least failed to save it."

Referring to printed articles showing how easily New York could be made to pay tribute if attacked by a foreign fleet, Mr. Bryan says: "If the danger is that great would it not be a good plan to build a vault west of the Alleghenies and store this bullion beyond the reach of danger?"

The receipt of the copies of the Commoner was accepted around the Capitol as Mr. Bryan's public declaration of war against the President and his program.

The Question of Revenue.—While this fight is on leaders who have the responsibility of raising the revenues are completely at sea.

The program calls for an expenditure the first year of \$150,000,000. The deficit today is \$35,000,000. The war tax act, which expires December 31, brought in \$70,000,000 this year. This means a total of \$25,000,000 more than the ordinary revenues that must be provided. It is claimed by some leaders that the emergency war taxes must be re-enacted with some modifications.

The President tomorrow will submit a draft of his message to the Cabinet. He does not take up the method of raising the revenue. He will strongly urge upon Congress the necessities of the case as he sees them, and leave that body to work out the details of how the funds are to be obtained.

SHIP IN PERIL FAR AT SEA.

Steamer Oakfield, with Propellers Gone, Tossed by Huge Waves.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 22.—The British steamer Oakfield is disabled and helpless in mid-Atlantic in the grip of a southeast gale, with her propeller blades gone, according to a wireless dispatch received at the Cape Race station.

The Italian steamship San Giorgio, Naples to New York, reported by wireless that she was standing by the Oakfield, but that the storm was so severe she could be of little assistance.

The Oakfield was being whipped to and fro like a chip of wood by the terrific wind and roaring seas when the Italian ship arrived on the scene. Boats could not be launched.

The Oakfield is a steel steamer 360 feet long and fifty-one feet in the beam and was on her way to Portland, Me., from Rotterdam.

EYES ON ARSON PLOTTERS.

Pennsylvania Promises Heavy Cooperation with U. S. Officials.

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 22.—Heavy cooperation with the Federal authorities in the protection of workers in munition factories was announced today by the State Department of Labor and Industry.

John H. Walker, civil engineer, and John Spicer, chemical engineer, have been assigned to the Bethlehem works to make an investigation and to formulate plans for the safety of employees of plants turning out war orders.

The have been instructed to act with the national authorities, the State fire marshal and the State police.

Robert V. Pequeura has been slated for the position as Mexican Minister to England. Senor Pequeura is a confidential agent of the Carranza government, with headquarters in New York and Washington.

## Capital May Win Famed Art Treasures, Worth Millions

Millionaire Widener's Will Gives Son Power to Present World-noted Collection to Washington—Art Patrons Here Plan to Fight for Paintings.

Patrons of art in the National Capital today will lay plans to win for this city the world-famed art treasures of the late Peter A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, who, in his will admitted to probate yesterday, gave his son the power to present the collection, worth several million dollars, to Washington, Philadelphia or New York.

Various suggestions were made last night as to the possibility of persuading Joseph E. Widener, who has the disposition of the collection, to permit the noted art works to be brought here.

The National Gallery of Art, in the Smithsonian Institution, was suggested by most of those who interested themselves in the possibility that Washington might obtain the paintings as the proper place to house the collection.

\$500,000 for One Painting.—The Widener collection is worth several millions of dollars, but from an artistic view it is priceless.

World famous, it embraces among other paintings, Rembrandt's "The Mill," for which Mr. Widener paid \$500,000; Raphael's Pantheist "Madonna," and Botticelli's "Madonna of the Thorns."

There was no diversity of sentiment as regards the value of such a collection to Washington in making the National Capital the desired art center of the country, and of the value of Washington and the National Gallery as truly national, and, therefore, a proper place for the Widener and other collections.

A committee may be formed to invite Mr. Widener to place the collection here. Several art patrons of Washington, members of the Washington Society of Fine Arts, and other societies, who wished their names to be suppressed until they had investigated the terms of the will, asserted their intention to work toward bringing the collection to this city. The will of Mr. Widener was admitted to probate in Philadelphia yesterday.

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## States Attorney May Act In Bollinger Baby's Case

Threatens to Ask Indictment of Dr. Haiselden for "Faulty Diagnosis"—Physician to Draft Law for Sterilization of Epileptics and Insane.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Indictment of Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, for faulty diagnosis in the case of Baby Bollinger, probably will be asked by the State's attorney's office, Assistant States Attorney Michael F. Sullivan tonight admitted he has been considering such action and that the decision of the officers will be made tomorrow. That and the forecast of a big battle over the Bollinger case in the next meeting of the Chicago Medical Society were the developments today in an event that stirred the world.

"We are considering bringing charges against Dr. Haiselden for criminal carelessness," said Attorney Sullivan.

May Get Indorsement.—The forwarding by Coroner Peter Hoffman, of the verdict of the jury of scientific habits to the local body of medical men precipitated the arrangements for the fray. Dr. Harry J. Haiselden is prepared for it. It is quite possible he will get the indorsement of his act by the medical men in spite of the jury's verdict that exonerated him but declared him wrong in his diagnosis that the Bollinger baby would have been a mental defective.

Many local physicians have congratulated him and promised to stand by him in the struggle for the indorsement of the city's scientific men.

Dr. Haiselden announced today he will have drafted as soon as possible a law requiring that all epileptics and insane in the State institutions being maintained at public expense be sterilized. The provisional clause will be: "If the patient has been afflicted for two years in the State care."

"One year of the culling of the weeds of humanity would make so much difference to the race as to be almost unbelievable," said Dr. Haiselden.

GERMAN EDITOR WANTS PEACE.

Russia Will Not Hear of Plan, Says Berlin Paper.

Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—There is no doubt that all the nations, Germany included, are longing for peace," says the Hamburger Volkszeitung.

"If Germany had only to arrange matters with France and England, peace would not be impossible on a basis of exchanges and compensations, without fear of future difficulties. But Russia, in spite of heavy losses, has recovered herself with astounding quickness."

"Germany should take advantage of the present favorable situation to begin peace negotiations. If she allows the moment to pass, it will be too late."

SOLDIERS FIGHT POLICE.

More Than a Score Injured in Riot in London, Ontario, Streets.

London, Ontario, Nov. 22.—Five hundred men of the Thirty-third Canadian Expeditionary force, shortly to leave for the front, started to wipe out old scores with the police here at 9 o'clock tonight.

At midnight more than a score of injured soldiers and police were in Victoria Hospital and a platoon of officers from the camp were trying to stop the war with little success. Sergt. Thomas McDonald was the most seriously wounded.

Brickbats, revolvers, clubs and stones were used and show windows were smashed as well as heads.

No Answer to German Cotton Offer.

Berlin, Nov. 22.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, after referring to the shortage of cotton in Germany, admits no answer has yet been received to the offer made to America two months ago for the purchase of a large quantity of cotton at high prices.

## FIRST CHIEF TO MEET TEXAN.

Gov. Ferguson and Carranza to Discuss Border Trouble Today.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 22.—Chief Executive Carranza will discuss the border situation tomorrow with Gov. Ferguson, of Texas. The conference probably will take place in the temporary headquarters, which Carranza has established in the only presentable-looking residence left standing amid the ruins of Nuevo Laredo.

After Carranza and Ferguson have thrashed out the causes and remedies of the border raids in private, the doors will be thrown open and the various officials of the first chief's entourage will be invited to join with Carranza in entertaining the Texas governor.

## GREEK CRISIS MORE ACUTE

Allied Armies Now Considered to Be in the Position of "Hostages."

## GERMANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GREECE, SAYS OFFICIAL

Berlin Reported to Have Demanded that Serbs Crossing Border Be Disarmed and Interned.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Saloniki, Nov. 22.—The declaration by the British Legation at Athens of coercive measures against Greece is creating a critical situation.

Denys Cochon, member of the French cabinet who had arranged to leave tonight for the front, is returning to Athens.

British and French military and naval officials declare that the situation of the allied army, considered from an elementary strategic viewpoint, cannot be longer tolerated. With its base in the air, it is exposed to dangers no general would care to face. One naval official said:

"Our army is in the position of a hostage."

A Greek official when asked what the Greeks would do in the event of a retreat by the allied army into Greek territory, said:

"We will allow the Germans to enter, the Greek army standing to one side."

This official would not admit the possibility of the Greeks attacking or disarming the allies.

Nevertheless the mobilization of the Greek army continues. New troops are being constantly sent to the frontier.

Genoa, Nov. 22.—A circular note signed by Germany, Austria and Bulgaria, has been addressed to the Greek government.

According to information from a high source the note demands assurances that Serbian troops will not be allowed to pass safely into Greek territory, but will be interned and disarmed if they retreat into King Constantine's domain.

CHARLES KLEIN WAS BRITON.

Playwright Took Out Only First Naturalization Papers in U. S.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 22.—Charles Klein, the playwright, who lost his life on the Lusitania, took out his first naturalization papers in this city, but never returned for his second ones. It was learned today, Naturalization Clerk M. J. Flanagan, in response to an inquiry by persons in the playwright's estate, made the investigation.

Klein took out his first papers in 1908, while living at his summer home in Norwalk. He left some property in London, and in order to have the estate settled it was necessary to discover whether he had become an American citizen.

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## GREAT BATTLE RAGING DAY AND NIGHT FOR POSSESSION OF GORIZIA

Both Austrians and Italians Claim to Have Advantage in Terrific Fighting Around the Isonzo River.

## DEAD NUMBERED BY THOUSANDS

Bodies Said to Lie in Heaps on Field Between the Trenches. Over Which the Tide of Battle Ebbs and Flows.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 22.—The battle for the possession of Gorizia continues with undiminished intensity.

The Italians claim further progress on Monte San Michele and towards San Martino.

These claims are vigorously denied by the Austrians, who assert the Italians have been completely driven from the Oslovica sector and the forces which succeeded in crossing the Isonzo have been forced to withdraw.

Fighting Day and Night.—The fighting has taken on the character of almost continuous attacks and counter-attacks. It is being waged bitterly both day and night. Dispatches to the Swiss frontier state the loss of life, when the comparatively small front is taken into consideration, is colossal. Thousands of dead and wounded are reported lying between the Austrian and Italian trenches, the battle ebbs and flows across them. The field hospitals are swamped.

An Italian statement issued tonight says:

"There have been artillery actions at various points on the Tyrol-Trentino front."

In Carnia the Austrian operations at the village of Dosilio, in the Comelovo Valley, were followed by a counter attack by our troops.

Struggle on Isonzo Front.—On the Isonzo front the struggle continued yesterday at the foot of the Plan hill and at several points between Podgora and Sabotino. Austrian counter-attacks to retake these positions all were repulsed. Our fourth division charged with the bayonet several times and took eighty-nine prisoners, including four officers.

On the Carso plateau four Austrian counter-attacks, delivered at night, were repulsed. At daybreak our troops, assuming the offensive everywhere, made new progress. On the summit of Mount San Michele they captured a strong entrenchment.

The Austrian statement follows.

The Italians kept up their fruitless attacks against Gorizia. We have repulsed the remainder of the positions we lost in the Oslovica sector. Five Italian attacks against Podgora broke down.

In the San Martino sector Italians who succeeded in entering our lines during the night were driven out. They had only a portion of a small advanced trench.

Italian forces who had crossed Isonzo north of Gorizia, were forced to fall back.

## STOCK EXCHANGES IN MEXICO CITY CLOSED

Carranza Stops Speculation—Effect of Action Will Be Negligible—Victory Over Villa Confirmed.

Gen. Carranza, head of the de facto government of Mexico, has closed the stock exchange in Mexico City. Announcement to this effect was made at the Carranza agency here last night, following the receipt of a cablegram explaining that the action was taken as a means of stopping speculation. Owing to the fact, the announcement adds, that the stock exchange was not a concern of dominating influence, the effect of the closing will be negligible.

Accompanying the order was a dictum requiring strict compliance with the national law that all prices and values must be fixed in national currency, the peso, as the only legal standard; and that the use of foreign money values must be abandoned in order to restore stability in commercial affairs.

In order to keep all the textile factories at work, the government has purchased the entire cotton crop of the Laguna district of the States of Durango and Coahuila.

The agency made public a telegram from Carranza himself confirming the report of the complete victory of the Carranza forces over the remnants of Villa's forces north of Hermosillo.

Rea May Get New Position.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—That Samuel Rea, will be made chairman of the entire Pennsylvania railroad system and W. W. Atterbury its president and so the directly responsible head of the huge transportation system was a well defined report heard today in high financial quarters. No confirmation was forthcoming.

Fire Kills Guest; 100 Escape.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Glen Feurston, a guest, was burned to death and nine others were overcome early today by fire in the Burton Hotel, in the Loop section. One hundred persons fled to safety, the fire quickly.

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